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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REPORTED NEW MINE FIELD OFF TRIPOLI

REF: TRIPOLI 1177

1. ON SEPTEMBER 27 RESPONSIBLE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL RAISED QUESTION OF EARLY SEPTEMBER TRIPOLI RADIO WARNING RE NEW MINE FIELD.

2. OFFICIAL SAID HE WAS AWARE THAT THERE WAS INFORMAL CONSENSUS AMONG CONCERNED NAVAL AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING U.S. AND ITALIANS, THAT NEW MINE FIELD PROBABLY DOES NOT REPEAT NOT EXIST. HOWEVER, OFFICIAL STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH ASSESSING POLITICAL ASPECTS OF SITUATION, AND HE ASKED THAT WE SEEK DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS.

3. SPECIFICALLY, OFFICIAL WISHED TO KNOW WHETHER DEPARTMENT
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HAD ACCEPTED NAVAL AUTHORITIES CONSENSUS THAT MINE FIELD

PROBABLY NON-EXISTENT. HE ALSO ASKED ABOUT DEPARTMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS OF LIBYAN PUBLIC WARNING RE MINE FIELD IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS. OFFICIAL OFFERED PERSONAL SUGGESTION THAT SUBJECT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION BY NATO POLADS SINCE OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO LIBYA, SUCH AS PASSPORTS AND DANGER/RESTRICTED ZONES, HAD BEEN RAISED IN THAT FORUM.

4. PLEASE ADVISE. VOLPE

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